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Dear Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 1.97(d)

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. No copy of the U.S. publication is provided as the Patent Office has waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

No representation is made, and no representation is intended, that more relevant material does not exist, or that the order of presentation of this material in any way reflects its relative pertinence. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

- (1) U.S. Office Action dated October 2, 2009 for corresponding U.S. Patent Application No. 11/024,59.
- (2) Karg et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0208794 A1, published October 21, 2004.

These documents were cited in the prosecution of U.S. Application Serial No. 11/024,592.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), the undersigned avers that no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. The undersigned also notes that the three month period noted above ended on a Saturday, so that this IDS is timely submitted on the next business day, Monday January 4, 2010.

As this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the receipt of the Final Rejection, but before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, the required fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2) for the submission of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is required. The required fee for filing the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement should be charged to Sidley Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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